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This is beach weather, if ever there was.

Rumania, small as she is, may prove the magnet to draw Russia back to herself.

We have all been taken prisoners by this intense heat drive, which is also offensive.

Attention is called to the fact that you can be a slacker by not tending to your garden.

Now if Italy will only start an offensive in the Trentino region, the central powers will find themselves rather hard put to it.

There is need of great care in Barre to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis. Every man, woman and child must exercise reasonable precaution.

An epidemic of giving away plasters—plasters of various kinds—has struck Vermont. This is another good chance for a quarantine, and a strict one, too.

Milk is selling at retail in Rutland for nine cents a quart, while in Barre it is selling for 10 cents a quart. Why should milk be more costly in Barre than in Rutland?

The St. Johnsbury Republican wants to know who this "clown prince of Germany" is any way. Can't say, only we know he is fooling most of the German people all the time.

Rutland county is entitled to all the publicity possible to counteract the effect of the report that cases of infantile paralysis had entered the county. The truth has a had enough effect without having untruth smeared on.

Cablegrams telling of the sinking of American commerce ships by submarines find only small corners in the daily press nowadays. The situation is changed since the United States went to war with Germany, albeit the hazard to ships and men is unchanged.

Brattleboro has started a "company fund" for its Company I, beginning the campaign with a baseball game. This reminds that Company C's fund is growing only slowly at the present time. Those who are intending to assist in the good work of making army life more comfortable for our boys should hurry along their subscriptions.

On another page of to-day's paper will be found the complete official list of the registrants for military service in Orange county, the list comprising the serial number, the order of the call, the name and the residences given on the registration card. It would be well for Orange county readers of this paper to preserve the printed list for future reference.

Automobile thieves find easy picking in those sections of Vermont where the owners simply run their machines under a shed and let them set till the next morning or till there happens to be a use for the vehicles again. A door and a padlock and the padlock fastened would make the work decidedly less easy for the band that apparently is making its way through Vermont at the present time. Owners of machines who are extremely careless in guarding their property have themselves largely to blame if they fail to find their machines some morning.

It is unfortunate that the poliomyelitis clinics in Vermont had to be postponed for a week or more, because Vermont is just at the stage of the outbreak of the malady when the greatest amount of information can be absorbed more readily. Now the people are thoroughly alive to the situation and are ready to accept advice in the matter of detecting the disease and in the treatment of patients after the disease has had its run. Later, when the malady has run its course, or approximately so, they will have forgotten some of the danger and will be busied with other matters to a great extent. Moreover, the time to give the treatment to those whose limbs are deformed or paralyzed would seem to be immediately after the illness.

The adoption of a resolution by the United States Senate, submitting a proposed prohibition amendment to the federal constitution, must be followed by adoption of the same resolution by a two-thirds vote of the House. After that has been accomplished the proposed amendment must go to the various states for ratification. The constitution provides that the amendment shall not be adopted until it is accepted by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states, "or by conventions of three-fourths thereof." Moreover, the states must ratify within six years, according to the wording of the particular resolution in question. It is to be seen, therefore, that the fight for nationwide prohibition of traffic in liquor is scarcely more than started by the action of the Senate in adopting the resolution.

TIME TO BE STRICT WITH SLACKERS.

There has been a good deal of talk,

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official and otherwise, about rounding up the men of eligible age who failed to register last June, and mixed in between were opportunities offered for the men to come forward voluntarily and perform their duty in that respect. It seems, however, that a considerable number of men throughout the United States failed to meet the obligation and are still under the designation of slackers or shirkers. Now that the government has begun the work of selecting men for soldiers there should be no further leniency to the slackers; the country from one end to the other should be raked with a fine-tooth comb, so to speak, in order to bring to light every man who did not have the patriotism to place his name on the original list. The punishment provided by the conscription law fixes the penalty as a year's imprisonment and liability to service in the United States army. The punishment ought to be reversed by putting the liability to service first and the punishment last, the latter being contingent on the condition of the slacker at the end of the hostilities. Moreover, if the former slacker should prove himself a good soldier and demonstrate his change of heart there might be occasion for clemency with respect to the year's imprisonment. The first consideration, and also the first punishment, should be to get him into war service if he is physically and mentally capable of performing the duties of the soldier, and has no dependents.

NEW NAVAL CLUBHOUSE.

Idea Being Welcomed by the American Sailors.

Base American flotillas in British waters, Aug. 2 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Authorization to spend all the money necessary properly to equip their new clubhouse with athletic apparatus and musical instruments has just been received by the American sailors from the navy department in Washington. The news was received with the greatest enthusiasm by the men. It gives them what amounts to carte blanche in the matter of providing for their shore amusements over here.

The first step upon receipt of the welcome news was to dispatch an order to the United States for \$1,000 worth of musical instruments to augment the string orchestra which entertains the men every Saturday night in their new clubhouse. Their order also calls for a plentiful supply of the latest ragtime and other typical American music, which has made a big hit with the native population.

The next order will be for athletic apparatus to equip the gymnasium feature of the club now nearing completion. This



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equipment will include wrestling mats, punching bags, boxing gloves, weight machines, horses, rowing machines and other fixtures essential to an up-to-date gymnasium floor. The gymnasium will be ready early in August. Besides six shower baths there will be a tea-room and a place where the men can purchase tobacco and light refreshments at pre-war prices.

The concert hall feature of the club has been playing moving pictures and concerts to crowded houses for a month. It is generally patronized not only by the men but their officers. The British commodore of the port was the honored guest at a show the other night, the feature of which was a lecture on flying at the western battle front delivered by a Canadian major in the Royal Flying corps from Toronto. The major cut short his lecture tour in a nearby city to come over to entertain the American boys. His pictures took the bluejackets up and down the British and French lines in France.

The major's active service at the front was cut short last year by a drop from 12,500 feet. He was able to regain control of his machine when near the ground and escaped with a severe shaking up. He is now lecturing for recruits to the flying corps and expects to shortly visit the United States to instruct young aviators.

THREE WERE DROWNED.

Sought Relief from Heat by Going in Bathing.

Schenectady, N. Y., Aug. 2.—Seeking relief from heat in nearby swimming pools, three residents of Schenectady and vicinity, Carl Martin, 17, Frank Gordon, 20, and John W. Lansing, 23, met death last night by drowning. Martin came recently from Keeseville and Gordon from Plattsburg. The bodies of Martin and Gordon, who were drowned in a pond, were recovered, while that of Lansing was found in the Mohawk river later.

CEMENT PAVEMENT RESOLUTION ADVANCED

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Rossi quoted the street superintendent as saying that the present rails are inadequate, even for cement paving.

Alderman Healy brought matters to a head for a few moments when he moved that the street committee be directed to readvertise for bids on granite paving, the bids to be in by Aug. 14. Alderman Reynolds seconded and with Alderman Alexander, Alderman Rossi and Loranger and the mayor took occasion to reiterate views already expressed. Before the roll was called, Mr. Smith asked if the proponents could have as long a time to seek bids as it took the street committee to get its first bids, which was a year, he said.

On the rollcall Alderman Milne, Loranger and Alexander and Mayor Glyson voted against the motion, Alderman Healy, Reynolds and Rossi supporting. The clerk declared the motion lost.

There ensued the reading of the resolution, which relates to draining, laying curbing and gutters, and providing underground conduits, etc., in anticipation of cement paving. Alderman Alexander took occasion to reaffirm his belief that delays, delays and more delays should be no longer brooked. He charged Alderman Rossi with trying to block the permanent work on South Main street and declared that he had determined to see improvements made if it were possible. He asked Alderman Reynolds if he would favor granite paving and received a negative reply with the qualification that he (Alderman Reynolds) was opposed to assuming the burden of the traction company's share in any event.

The next to the last step toward committing the council to a cement highway policy was taken when Alderman Milne, seconded by Alderman Loranger, moved that the resolution be passed to its second reading. On the rollcall the inevitable 4 to 3 ratio was emphasized again, the mayor and Alderman Alexander, Milne and Loranger voting against Alderman Healy, Reynolds and Rossi. The clerk declared the motion carried and adjournment was taken immediately.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Measure of German Defeat.

It is not so very clear that Germany acknowledging that her military power is broken will be entitled to immediate peace from the United States and the allies. Some proof of the fact will be required. Germany has not earned such a reputation for good faith and truthfulness in the last three years as to entitle her to any consideration upon her mere word. She is quite capable of acknowledging defeat for the simple purpose of getting a respite and reorganizing her military power for another drive for world rule.

What must be looked forward to is the real defeat of Germany, plain, palpable, unmistakable, her armies broken and in retreat, her soil invaded, her dominant clique in such mood of submission as to give tangible guarantees of good behavior as long as they live. A peace based on a mere breath of air or scrap of paper would be valueless to the world.

The present expenditure of all the nations in wealth, in time, in energy, in pain, in blood, in life, can only be justified by one thing. That thing is the complete overthrow of Prussian aggression such as has made Europe an armed camp for a generation and at last filled it with desolation. Nothing less is of any use.—New York Evening Sun.

France All In?

For months we have been told that France had gone her limit. Her last man was at the front, and this meant not only native Frenchmen, but also the colonial. When a French soldier went down there was no other to take his place. The nation was "bleeding white." That was why, according to some critics, the crown prince was keeping up his battering tactics along the Ladies' Way. He was playing for a knockout—trying to find the one spot in the line that the weakened French nation could no longer reinforce with reserves.

Now there is no question that France has paid a prodigious price for the maintenance of national integrity and the personal liberty of her people, but there are certain facts which ought to tend to qualify the misgivings of the timid souls

who fear lest we are not going into the war until it is too late.

In the first place, nearly 50 assaults on the Ladies' Way have made no lasting impression on the hastily constructed French line there, which, in places, runs along a mere saddle-back ridge. That doesn't look much like exhaustion to the breaking point.

Then Premier Ribot's beginning-of-the-year message to the world is that France has 2,700,000 men in her armies, and hasn't called one man from the 1918 class to the fighting line, whereas the French are taking young German '18 class men prisoners on this same Ladies' Way front. The next year French boys are in training camps, but there has been no need to send them into the fire as yet.

And if this isn't enough to quiet the fears of the doubtful, there are the French soldiers, co-operating with the British far towards the northern end of the western front in the great drive towards Bruges and Ostend and Zebrugge. It seems impossible. It has been so long since we have heard of a Frenchman much to the north of Peronne—and even that was last year, during the Somme drive—that we have not associated the French with any recent operations above the angle in the western line. But here they are, with enough men to hold off the crown prince, strike out viciously in the Champagne from time to time, and also go in with the British for a tremendous offensive operation outside their own particular sectors of the western front. Evidently some of us will have to revise our notions about the resources of France in man power.

Needless to say this is no argument against our speeding up. We are not going into the war because France needs us, and we ought not to slow down because she doesn't need us so much as some of us thought she did. This is our war, and we are going to fight it out, be our help what it may. But it surely is encouraging to learn that we have not got to take the place of a beaten French army, exhausted and depleted, but are going in to stand beside a great French force that still has a smashing punch left in it.—Manchester Union.

The British Strike Again.

After two weeks of depressing news from the Russian front a new major offensive by the British is cheering. The first day was a successful drive of the attacking power of the British army.

Twice this year the British have proved their ability to press forward and wrest large and important sections of line from the Germans. The blows delivered at Vimy and Messines Ridges smashed the German lines, but they did more. High ground which had been in German hands for more than two years was taken by the British. The crest of a ridge means an observation point. The army which holds it can look down on its adversary. The previous British drives have taken the strategic advantage from the Germans. The British are on top.

The present drive may have as its object a loosening of the German hold on the Belgian coast. Submarine bases may be an important object of attack in addition to strategic points on land. If this is the case the German defense will be all the more desperate. They must protect their U-boats, for in them is the German hope of staving off defeat.

This year, for the first time, the British army has shown itself capable of giving the kaiser's military machine a blow between the eyes at any desired point of the line. Previous efforts at advance were always hindered by lack of munitions. Now the problem of feeding the British guns appears to have been solved. The bombardment in the region of Arras this spring was the most terrific ever known. Yet with all the available guns in action for days only seven per cent of the store of shells was expended in creating that inferno.

The increased efficiency of the British armies is based on the great achievements of the British ministry of munitions. Guns for the great offensives have not only been produced in sufficient numbers to make powder of concrete German trenches in France, but the Italians and to a certain extent, the Russians have been supplied with them. Shells have been piled up back of the British lines in such numbers that a shortage is impossible for months to come. The value of this intensive artillery fire is shown by the report that it demoralized six divisions of Bavarian troops before the infantry had made an attack.—Boston Globe.

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